

to them on my behalf a most cordial welcome.

"It seems to me to be of the highest importance that the attendance upon this congress should be so large and the interest in its proceedings so great. I hope that the greatest success will attend every activity of the congress and that the intimate intercourse of thought which it produces will bind Americans still closer together throughout both continents, alike in sympathy and in purpose."

The telegram was read to the Congress by Director General John Barrett, of the Pan-American Union, to whom it was addressed. Mr. Barrett sat well to the front of the platform, or hovered about the rear of the stage giving directions for the proper placing of all newcomers who arrived. When he had concluded the reading of the message from the President, the congress broke forth in warm applause.

Resumes Participation.

Not least conspicuous among those applauding was Eliseo Arrendondo, ambassador-elect from Mexico, whose country, after a lapse of more than two years given over to revolution and discord, resumed for the first time its active participation in the affairs of the Pan-American Union.

Another conspicuous figure on the platform was Solon Menos, the dark-skinned, French-speaking minister from Haiti, whose island country is just now emerging, with the aid of the United States, from a condition of anarchy and chaos.

Half of them singing in Spanish, the other half in English, delegates to the congress, at the opening of today's session joined in the official Pan-American hymn, adopted at the first Pan-American Congress, and dedicated to the bonds of science, peace, and union. The verses were sung in English by a chorus of 125 voices from the Home Club, but all joined in the choruses.

Eduardo Suarez Mujica, ambassador to the United States from Chile, presides over the deliberations of the congress as its president. Tall and bearded, he presents a striking contrast to his colleagues in the Latin-American Diplomatic Corps. Speaking English with difficulty, his presence, however, commanded close attention. His introductions of the various speakers were pleasing and the tone of each address he grasped the speaker by the hands and poured forth expressions of appreciation.

Speaks Slowly.

Beside the Chilean ambassador, who is generally addressed by his middle name, Mr. Lansing appeared the personification of cool deliberation. The Secretary's words, which he read from a manuscript, were slowly spoken and in an even tone. Dressed as always in quiet, but perfect taste, his snow-white hair and mustache and ruddy complexion were set off to a striking degree by the black-haired, swarthy diplomats who surrounded him. His only gesture when speaking was a slow wave of the hand in marked contrast to the shrugs and gesticulations of the Latin-American speakers.

Vice President Marshall, trim and spare of figure, spoke extemporaneously, with many gestures. His first applause was earned when he adopted a slogan of preparedness and dismissed as impractical the visionary dreams of the extreme pacifists. Close attention was paid by the representatives of the smaller republics to his expressed hope that with the continued assertions of their rights, the republics of this hemisphere would be equally mindful of their duties to each other.

Board of Trade Delegates.

The Washington Board of Trade is being represented at the Pan-American Scientific Congress, now in session at the Willard Hotel, by its president, J. H. Willard, and A. N. McLachlen, attorney.

MARSHALL IN HAPPY MOOD IN ADDRESS

By referring to himself as a "politically plumed scientist," Vice President Marshall caused the assembled scientists and diplomats of the three Americas to forget their dignity in laughter at the opening session of the congress today. The Vice President appeared to be in his happiest mood, and his address caused almost as much laughter as it did applause, and it was rather more generously punctuated with applause than most of the other formal speeches.

At the beginning he stated that he did not apologize for the absence of President Wilson for the very good reason that "in the presence of love, science is silent." He said he regretted that the President was not present solely for the reason that he would have been able to "tickle the English language to such effect that it would bring a smile of joy and contentment to the faces of all the delegates as though it were their mother tongue."

The Vice President expressed his delight at welcoming the delegates to this congress because he believed it meant the dawning of a new era in the history of the American continent. "This is a day of new ideas," he declared, and the Pan-American Scientific Congress is a new idea that points the way toward solidifying a Pan-American spirit.

STORM CAUSES NINE DEATHS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With nine persons dead in New York and havoc reported among vessels in the harbor as a result of Sunday's storm, reports of even worse damage by the gale from points along the coast were feared today, when full communication was re-established. The storm did heavy damage here and drove many vessels scurrying back to port.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled, probably followed by rain or snow and colder; moderate south and southwest winds.

Maryland—Cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled, with probably rain; moderate to fresh southwest winds.

Virginia—Cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled, with probably rain; moderate southwest to south winds.

TEMPERATURES.	
U. S. BUREAU.	ATLANTA.
8 a. m. 39	8 a. m. 37
9 a. m. 37	9 a. m. 35
10 a. m. 36	10 a. m. 34
11 a. m. 35	11 a. m. 33
12 noon 41	12 noon 39
1 p. m. 41	1 p. m. 39

TIDE TABLE.	
High tide at 12:06 a. m.	
Low tide at 6:14 a. m. and 6:31 p. m.	

SUN TABLE.	
Sun rose at 7:15	
Sun sets at 4:48	
*44th meridian time at 5:33 a. m.	

FORD PILGRIMS URGED TO BURY WAR HATCHETS

New Party Chiefs Endeavoring to Prevent Further Secessions of Delegates.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27.—The new management of the Ford peace party endeavoring today to close the ranks and prevent further secessions, following the withdrawal of Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, and Mrs. Inez Milholland-Boisvein.

The whole delegation probably will be called together and urged to bury the war hatchet while on the peace trail. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones believes there is still a chance for success in part of the mission's plans if the pilgrims work in harmony from now on.

At a meeting held here last night several leaders explained the Ford plan to 300 social democrats. They registered their approval and probably will give the party support.

The Swedish papers, taking a different view than that expressed by the press of Norway, declare that Ford's expedition actually might have hastened the war's end had it not been badly managed.

Mrs. Boisvein's Parting Shot.

Following her dramatic retirement from the Honorary Ford peace party, Mrs. Boisvein dropped a final bomb into the pilgrims' trenches in the shape of a formal statement charging mismanagement.

The pilgrims were heartened in the face of this attack by a statement which Gustav Plantin, who is recognized as Mr. Ford's spokesman, issued to the Stockholm papers. Mr. Plantin not only denied that his chief deserted the party and declared that his doctor ordered complete seclusion following a nervous breakdown; and an attack of influenza, he announced that Mr. Ford, with his wife, would join the party at The Hague.

"The undemocratic method employed by the managers of the expedition is repugnant to my principles," Mrs. Boisvein wrote. "Instead of all the members formulating plans, the work has been confined to a few specially selected persons. When the party gathered on the Oscar II, I took it for granted that the rather vague opinion of the body of delegates would be hammered into effective shape by group action and constructive thinking throughout the voyage."

"An organization was not formed until three days before the end of the voyage. To that fact I trace all misunderstanding, dissensions, mistakes in policy, inefficiency, and inability to get the idea of a mediating peace congress in comprehension of the public. The organization, when finally formed, was abortive. The Scandinavian public, which expected clear thinking and a definite program, was skeptical about the serious-mindedness of the delegates. At the meetings the discussions have been purely social, with the result of ill feeling, suspicion, and condemnation. For the reason stated, I am unable to continue with the party."

Mrs. Boisvein will leave here for The Hague within a day or two.

Many of the pilgrims went to church yesterday, and later took sightseeing trips. It was announced that the party would stay here till Wednesday night to recuperate from the fatigue brought on by a system of three-night stints.

LANSING TO RECEIVE DELEGATES TONIGHT

The social events of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, which are to be numerous throughout the two weeks of the congress, begin this evening with the formal reception of the delegates at the Pan-American Union by Secretary of State Lansing.

This reception is being given by Secretary Lansing in his capacity as first vice president of the congress, and as chairman of the board of governors of the Pan-American Union. Mr. Lansing, in his address to the delegates at the opening of the congress today emphasized the fact that he was in attendance in this dual capacity, and he wished so to be recognized throughout the congress.

The reception this evening begins at 6 o'clock, and every delegate to the congress, with the ladies of his party, is expected to attend. Through some mishap invitations to the reception have not reached all the delegates, but Secretary General John Barrett announced today that all will be made welcome whether they have or have not.

Tomorrow Secretary of State Lansing will give a luncheon to the official delegates at his home, 1323 Eighteenth street.

In addition to the reception by the Secretary of State tonight there will be a reception to a small group of the delegates at the home of Mrs. Robert W. Patterson, 15 Dupont circle.

KENYON TO PROBE DISEASE OUTBREAK

Senator Goes to Chicago to Investigate Handling of Foot and Mouth Epidemic.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa, one of the members of the Senate subcommittee named to investigate the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, has gone to Chicago, and will examine a number of witnesses there.

The purpose is to trace the origin of the disease and learn whether the Department of Agriculture handled the outbreak in competent fashion.

Stockmen are complaining that they have not been allowed full value of their animals slaughtered on account of the disease. They seek legislation to require full value to be paid.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets. Stop the Cough and Headache and work off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

—Advt.

ASQUITH MINISTRY SEEMS NEAR END

Conscription Is Rock Over Which Cabinet Is Likely to Go Aground.

(Continued from First Page.)

port of Lloyd-George. The minister of munitions address to the trades unionists at Glasgow on Christmas Day has centered attention upon Lloyd-George again, as did his recent criticism of the government.

Lloyd-George Appeals To Labor Leaders for More Munitions at Once

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—Immediate action is necessary, and help must come without delay, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, told a meeting of several thousand unionists here. He appealed especially to get the labor unions to less rigorously enforce regulations in order to increase the output of war materials.

"You can't haggle with an earthquake," was one of his striking phrases in urging the unionists to forget petty union regulations in helping win the war. "I appeal to you to lift up your eyes above the mists of depression and accept the help of the greatest opportunity that ever opened before your class."

Answer Imperative.

"Either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry that we cannot get the guns to enable them to win throughout 1916, owing to the trades union regulations, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for another year perhaps American workmen will help us get a sufficient supply for 1917," he continued.

"Another alternative is that we might tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot go on. He must let us off with the annexation of Belgium, with the payment of indemnity, and with a British colony or two, but he certainly would demand that Great Britain surrender her command of the sea, and Great Britain then would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium is today."

"I cannot return to parliament," he said, "and report that the house of commons to the British army that skilled workmen won't suspend their rules to save their fellow-countrymen's lives on the battlefield."

"Time is vital," he declared, "time is victory, and time is life. There have been already 530,000 casualties, including 300,000 since the agreement between the trades unions and the government in March."

Further delay means further losses, and I appeal to the workmen to help thoroughly and quickly. Such aid will strengthen your claim at the end of the war upon the British people for redress of any grievances."

"Despite the protests of the minority of this meeting, I feel that I must thank the vast majority for an appreciative hearing."

"It is not a passing sorrow," he exclaimed. "It is the delayed and the convulsion of nature; it is a cyclone which is tearing up by its roots the ornamental plants of modern society and leaving behind it the wreckage of the treble bridges of modern civilization. It is an earthquake which is upheaving the very rocks of European life. It is one of those seismic disturbances in which nations leap forward or fall backward generations in a single bound. All this chattering about relaxing a rule and suspending a custom is out of place."

ILLNESS OF KAISER SERIOUS, IS RUMOR

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Alarming rumors, which probably are exaggerated, are being circulated in Switzerland concerning the German Emperor's illness, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The correspondent telegraphs that the Emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

The second official admission since the war began that the Kaiser was really ill was made on December 22 in a dispatch from Berlin, which modified a statement originating in Rotterdam that "a slight inflammation of the cellular system" had made it necessary for the Emperor to postpone a trip to the western front. It was admitted in a dispatch from Berlin of that date, that after the rumor that an operation for cancer in the stomach had been performed in the Emperor's case, the Emperor was said to be suffering from "Zellgewebentzündung."

GUNS' ROAR BLENDS WITH ORGANS' PEAL

Alsace Soldiers Hurl Shells While Families Near Lines Worship and Hold Fetes.

(Continued from First Page.)

"It was a celestial army, not an individual that first proclaimed the doctrine of peace on earth, good will toward men, 1915 years ago," he said. "Certainly, it was the world's most important proclamation. Today the French army is fighting to uphold it. We do not stop fighting on Christmas because we are fighting for Christmas—for Kris Kringle, for all he represents—for the right to live without the mailed fist forever poised over our heads—for the principle of good will between neighbors—for the right to enjoy Santa Claus in our homes without danger."

"It was Germany that violated both the spirit and letter of the law quoted by St. Luke, and France and the allies will not stop fighting until they punish her."

In the meantime, the guns barked on the front. The men at the front either were too busy or were not inclined to observe Christmas. They received boxes of delicacies and other gifts from the government from their home, or from organizations, opened them casually, and emptied the contents into their pockets or elsewhere. Then they immediately resumed the occupation of war.

Christmas Fetes Everywhere.

Our party attended midnight mass in an Alsatian town near Hartmannswillerkopf. The rule not to roam about after 9 p. m. was suspended for the night throughout that portion of Alsace occupied by the French. All the villages had Christmas celebrations, with trees in public places, and gifts for the children.

The cathedral was packed with women, children, and soldiers. The organist was Hussard, one of the best-known musicians in France, and his choir, housed in the Paris grand opera house, now a dragoon. The chief soloist, a blacksmith in time of peace, is a sergeant. The chorus was made up entirely of troops. There were three generals, one commanding an army, in the audience. As the chimes pealed midnight, the organ burst into "Christians, 'Tis the Sacred Hour of Deliverance." Then the solemn chorus sang "He Is Born the Divine Infant."

While the congregation knelt and prayed and the priest prepared the holy sacrament, the guns kept on belching up and down the line as a refrain to the organ song and the prayer. "They were interesting their captains' 'Peace on Earth, Good-will Toward Men'."

ROAR OF GUNS ECHO TO SERMON OF PEACE

English Blow German Christmas Trees Out of the Trenches.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

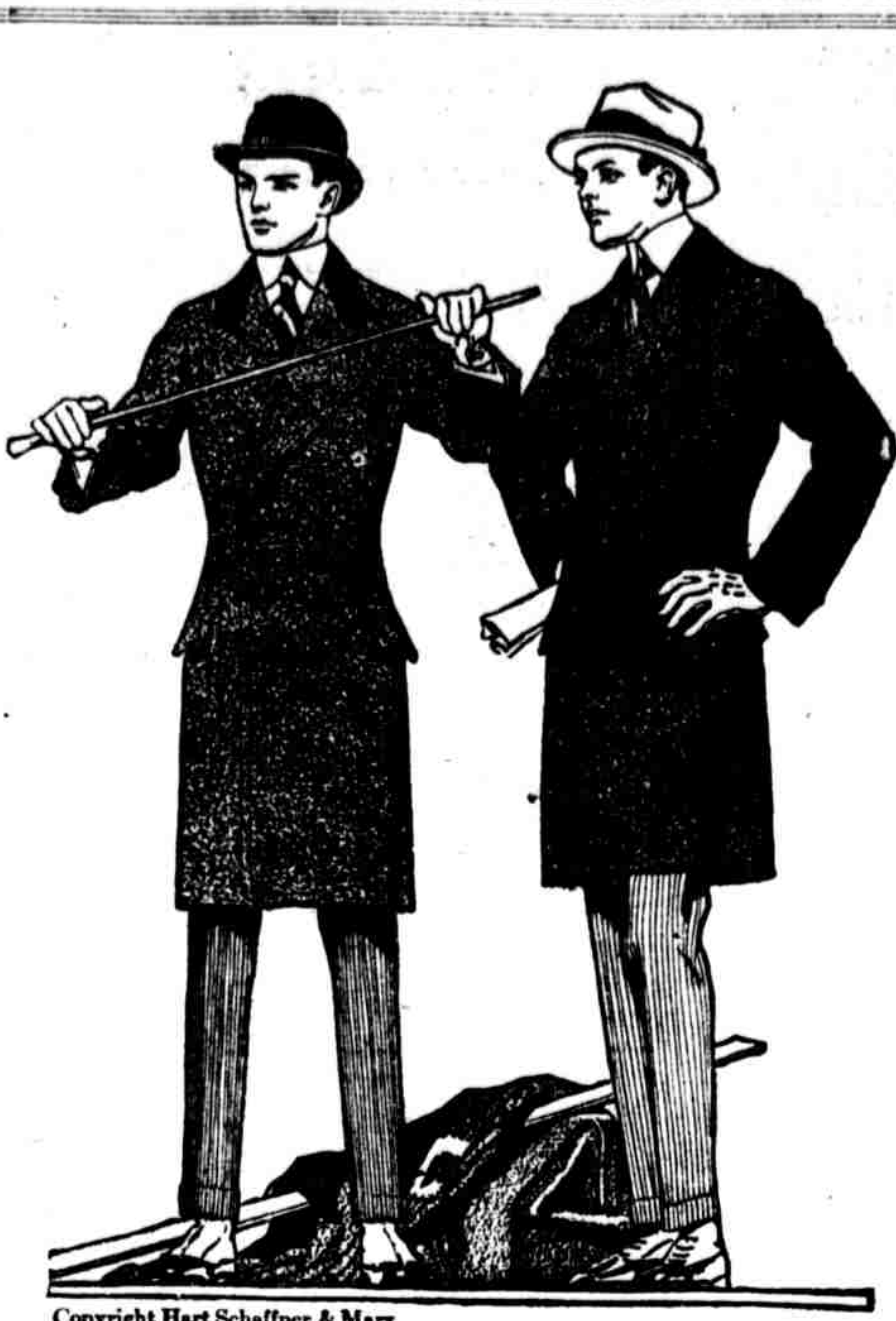
LILLE (via Berlin), Dec. 27.—English mines blew Christmas trees out of the German trenches on Christmas day and sent the German soldiers running helter-skelter. There was no trace at least on this part of the battle front.

On Christmas eve, 3,000 German soldiers heard a peace sermon in the cathedral of Lille. "Let the army that God will carry our peace prayers to the enemy," said the minister. His words were echoed by a ceaseless roar of artillery along the front between Ypres and La Bassée.

Throughout the night artillery on both sides thundered, despite intermittent downpours of rain. Lille woke on Christmas morning to find houses and factories isolated by the flood. Other villages near the battle front seemed to be floating. But despite the downpour an outer atmosphere of gloom, Lille, with its quarter of a million inhabitants and its thousands of soldiers, managed to celebrate Christmas in merry fashion.

Lighted, decorated Christmas trees peeped from the windows of private houses. Large ones stood in the railway station. They were in the restaurants and in the Red Cross trains. Many of the soldiers carried Christmas trees into the trenches, to the astonishment of their officers and probably of the enemy.

The German front on Christmas day offered a picture of the world-wide accusation that the English "are letting the French do all the fighting." On Thanksgiving day I walked two hours along the front line trenches in the Argonne, at some places only fifty feet from the French works. Only three rifle shots were fired during the time, and there was only an occasional artillery shot.



Copyright Hart Schaffner & Marx

The Woodward & Lothrop Men's Store Is Now Holding the Regular Semi-Annual Clearance of Winter Suits and Overcoats

Embracing our regular stock of the best selected garments for men's and young men's wear—and the only sale we hold during the season.

- | | |
|--|---------|
| Suits and Overcoats for men and young men that formerly sold up to \$20, now | \$14.75 |
| Suits and Overcoats for men and young men that formerly sold up to \$25, now | \$19.75 |
| Suits and Overcoats for men and young men that formerly sold up to \$35, now | \$23.75 |

THIS SALE INCLUDES ALL OF OUR WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PLAIN BLACK AND FULL DRESS CLOTHES.

The Famous Varsity Fifty Five Suit

in all its many variations of model, that has become so well known this past season, and representing the greatest clothing style and value ever put out by those master clothiers, Hart Schaffner & Marx, and indorsed by them and their representatives all over the country.

The Varsity Six Hundred Overcoat

is also included in this sale, and may be had in a large number of smart models that are noticeably different from the usual designs. Overcoat styles in the sale range from the refined dress effects to the large ulsters and motor coats, in the finest fabrics, with either self or velvet collars; single or double breasted.

A GREATER CLOTHING SALE THAN WE HAVE EVER ANNOUNCED BEFORE, BECAUSE:

The Stocks Are Larger The Variety Is Greater The Values Genuine And as Usual, All Our Own Regular Stock.

Main floor, direct Tenth street entrance.

BEAUTIFUL HOMES

1121-1123 K St. N. E.

1125 K N. E. Beautiful Corner House, with Built-in Garage. Extra Large Sleeping Porch.

Open to 9 P. M. Daily

\$3,500 to \$4,500

\$300 CASH Balance Monthly COME OUT

H. R. Howenstein Co.

1314 F ST. N.W. or 7th and H STS. N.E.

GREATEST VALUE IN HOMES

Six, Seven and Eight Room Homes